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Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
137 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hearst,-

Thank you for the cablegram just received. At the ranch yesterday, looking down, it was a great relief to see how many trees were visibly showing life. Mr. McClenahan's men have worked well with Mr. Keep and the area begins to look tidy. I think using them, the quickest and surest way of handling. There needs to be the road on the side of the canyon toward Red Rock both for the fire break, and in order to get the new planting in, as this side is where the landscape suffers most. The heavy shrubbery is gone, but undoubtedly will come up again from the roots.

I have spoken for all the cork oaks and small "tin can" size oaks from the nurseries, as not many are available, and they can be quickly handled. There is no use planting before the rains, as we are very short for water - Mr. Rossi and Mr. Rankin have hunted out a number of small springs to help take the troughs off the main supply.

I think the miserable incinerator would be safest located down on the shore. Wet garbage will not burn with multiple screens, and those allowing the heavy smoke to pass allow small fat particles, etc., to pass also. An old truck could be allotted for its service. The sparks blow, or fall, out of the door when the man opens it to feed in the refuse, and this danger would always exist. The incinerator could have been enclosed in a "room", as far as this later hazard is concerned.

Mr. Gorgy and a small crew are working on the theatre decorations, the marble seats are done on the main terrace and the fountain curb is being set,- this week will complete it. The tennis court and new Tower are well in hand. The new tower needs, of course,

the new Gothic study height to make effective, and like the picture.

There has been much work done that does not show. Outgrown structural and plumbing systems just had to be revamped and temporary expedients be done away with. Another two or three weeks and these will be in permanently fine shape.

Yours very truly,

*The four plunge ladders
are in, the pool cleaned,
freshened & refilled.*

JM-M